

TIGER NOTES



Fall, 2004 Fort Hays State University Department of Music

From the Chair

The Department of Music is off to a busy start once again and it is hard to believe that we are eight weeks into our fall semester already! Enrollment continues to be steady and quality of instruction and scholarly activity from our professors very high. We welcome two new faculty members to the department - Dr. David Kassler replaces Dr. Robert Conger in the low brass/bands area and Ms. Kathleen Flynn replaces Dr. William Rayburn in the voice/choral area. Dr. James Brown has agreed to assume Director of Choral Activities duties on an interim basis for the year. Ms. Pamela McGowne has joined the department as a full-time program specialist-staff accompanist.



We are again looking forward to an excellent year of service to the Hays area with our calendar of nearly forty events. We have a diverse schedule of faculty recitals, guest faculty recitals, ensemble concerts, musical theater, opera scenes, and chamber music offerings to offer this year. Highlights for the year include: a musical theater production of *Gypsy* in October, an exciting opera scenes program in January, a second musical theater production of *Bat Boy*, and our annual Cottonwood Project in March. As usual, we will continue to offer the traditional Cathedral Concert and combined Hays Symphony Orchestra/Choir concert in May. This year's final concert will be a presentation of the *St. Matthew Passion*. It will certainly be an exciting year!

We are also embarking upon two exciting renovation projects in Malloy Hall this year: (1) we have added a Digidesign Pro Tools digital audio workstation in the instrumental rehearsal room and begun offering classes in music technology to support a new minor in music technology, and (2) Palmer Hall will undergo renovation beginning in December. It is expected to be completed by April, 2005. Contributions for seat naming in the new recital hall will be accepted until December 31, 2004.

As our program continues to grow, your continued donations for scholarships is much appreciated! We will be calling our alumni for Tiger Call soon. We hope you will consider a gift to the music department. Gifts of \$10 and \$20 make up the majority of our scholarship fund each year.

On behalf of the department, I remain,
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Crowley".
Dr. Tim Crowley

Scholarship Audition Day

The department's scholarship audition day for the 2005-2006 has been set for March 12, 2005. Scholarship auditions are held in Malloy Hall. Please contact the music office at (785) 628-4533 or visit us on the web at www.fhsu.edu/music for more information about this process. Please help us identify prospective students and tell them about this date.

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Department begins new Music Technology Minor

The Department of Music received \$35,000 from the university to equip a new Digidesign Pro Tools-based recording studio in the instrumental rehearsal room (Malloy #126) in support of a new minor in music technology offered in cooperation with the Department of Internetworking and Telecommunications.

The first music course in the minor, MUS 678 Seminar in Music Technology I, is being offered this fall by Dr. Tim Crowley.

Students in this seminar are learning a lot about music production and post-production using the industry standard digital audio workstation software package Pro Tools. Look for great-sounding products from this studio and these students in the future!

Below is a picture of this exciting new equipment available to the department:



Choral Activities & Opera/Musical Theater

FHSU Choirs have been busy already this semester! The Fort Hays State University Singers performed on September 24 in Salina for the Salina Arts Council's outdoor concert series, Art a la Carte. Also, the Singers performed for the Kansas Board of Regents hosted by President Hammond at the Beach Ranch on September 26. The Singers will also perform on November 14 in Hill City for the Arts Council there. The FHSU Choir sang the Star Spangled Banner at the Homecoming Football Game. All Choirs will sing the Fall Concert on October 14. The theme of this concert is "A Choral Oktoberfest," featuring the works of German and German/American Composers such as Ernest Bloch, Johannes Brahms, Anton Bruckner, Lukas Foss, Andreas Hammerschmidt, Heinrich Schutz and Kurt Weill. The Madrigal Dinner is planned for December 5 and 6 and the Cathedral Concert is slated for December 9.



Dr. James Brown

Musical Theater is alive and well at FHSU. Gypsy, presented the first two weekends in October, was a resounding success and involved community members, children and FHSU students. Faculty members supplemented the pit orchestra and wowed audiences. The annual Opera production will include Scenes from favorite operas and a wonderful one act opera by Martinu called, Comedy on the Bridge. This production will be presented the last weekend in January, musical direction by Dr. James Brown and stage direction by new faculty member, Kathleen Flynn. Also, a second musical will be produced the first weekend in March in conjunction with the Theater Department. This wonderful show, Bat Boy is a dark comedy and promises to be a favorite of the theater season.

The choirs will sing their Spring Concert on March 3 and will join forces with the Hays Community Choir and Hays Symphony Orchestra on May 1 for a production of the St. Matthew Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach.

New Faculty Members for 2004-2005

The department welcomed two new faculty members this fall - Kathleen Flynn as Instructor of Voice/Opera and Dr. David Kassler as Assistant Professor of Low Brass/Assistant Band Director. Ms. Flynn replaces Dr. William Rayburn and Dr. Kassler replaces Dr. Robert Conger.



Kathleen Flynn



Dr. David Kassler

Remembering Bonnie Storm

Former FHSU music faculty member Bonnie Campbell Storm died Sunday, September 12, 2004 in Reno, Nevada.

Memorials are suggested to the organ fund of the First United Methodist Church, 209 W. First, Reno, NV 89501.

Orchestra and String Activities

The Hays Symphony Orchestra continues its 90th year of service to Hays with a four-concert season that begins on October 24. This concert will feature Dr. Junghwa Lee, piano in a performance of the Schumann Piano Concerto. The Hays Symphony will perform its second concert on December 12. This concert will feature finalists from the department's first annual concerto competition. On March 6, concertmaster Matt Means will be featured in a performance of Beethoven's Violin Concerto and on May 1, the Hays Symphony will combine with the choirs to present Bach's St. Matthew Passion. These promise to be exciting performances!



The string area will continue to present the following annual activities: on December 1, the Hays Symphony will perform a Children's Concert for area school children, on January 22, Dr. Delisi will host the High School Honor String Orchestra.

An new opportunity for young performers this year is a Concerto Competition. This competition is open to all students high school to age 29. The preliminary round of judging will occur on October 16. The finalists will receive cash prizes and will be featured on the December 12 Hays Symphony Orchestra concert.

Western Kansas String Academy



The Western Kansas String Academy, a brand new music institute at FHSU, is celebrating its inaugural year with tremendous excitement and energy. The academy brings together K-adult string students from throughout the Western Kansas region on Saturday mornings to FHSU's Malloy Hall for a morning of rehearsal, history/theory classes, and chamber music.

Academy artist/faculty range from FHSU students to experienced community members, and are guided by WKSA Director Matt Means and WKSA Assistant Director Cathy Drabkin. Each semester, a concert is given in the beautiful Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center. We have over a dozen energetic parent volunteers that assist us in our operations, and have many outreach, publicity, and recruitment projects ongoing that could use your interest and support!

If you are ever free on a Saturday morning between 9am and noon, please feel free to come down to Malloy to watch us, or contact Matt Means or Cathy Drabkin for information on ways to get involved! Be sure to mark on your calendars our first concert, scheduled for Saturday, December 4, at 2pm, in Beach/Schmidt!

Alumni News

1970s

Alan Gregory (M.M.E. 1979) is in his tenth year as band director in Crane, TX. He writes that the Crane marching band took 5th place in the class 2A state marching contest in November, 2003.

2000s

Joey (B.A., 2004) and Jill (B.M., 2004) Nickols have moved back to Colby, KS where Jill has accepted the position of Instrumental Music Instructor at Colby High School.

Faculty News

Dr. Paula Boire was awarded a sabbatical for the Fall, 2004 semester to continue her research in Romanian Art Song.

Dr. James Brown sang two leading roles with New York State Baroque in their 2003-2004 season: the title role in Handel's Jephtha (December 2003) and the Evangelist in Bach's St. John Passion (April 2004). Also, Brown sang the tenor lead in Handel's Almira with the Amherst Early Music Festival under the direction of internationally acclaimed baroque harpist, Andrew Lawrence King. Dr. Brown adjudicated for the West-Central Regional NATSAA competition with two faculty members from Wichita State University and presented a poster paper at the 2004 National NATS convention in New Orleans. The title of this paper was Baroque Verismo: Singing Aesthetic in 17th Century Italy.

Dr. Tim Crowley composed a new work for saxophonist Glen Gillis, Saxscape III, that was premiered at the World Sax Congress in Minneapolis, MN in July, 2003 and a new work for orchestra, Changes, which was premiered by the Hays Symphony Orchestra in November, 2003. In June, 2004, he was selected to become a visiting evaluator for the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

Brad Dawson has continued to be active as a performer and conductor. Jazz Ensemble I performed on January 17, 2004 at the Great Bend Jazz Festival with Frank Mantooth and Kevin Mahogany. It was to be Frank's last public performance. Brad performed a faculty recital in February 2004 and was a guest soloist with the Cottonwood Project in March. Following the Spring Jazz Concert in April Jazz Ensemble I appeared at the Wichita Jazz Festival for an evening performance. Mr. Dawson was a guest soloist at High Plains Band Camp this summer performing with the Faculty Concert Band.

He recently performed on the Faculty Showcase in September. Jazz Ensemble I has once again been invited to perform at the Kansas Music Educators Convention in February 2005. Both jazz ensembles are currently preparing for the Fall Jazz Concert on November 18, 2004.

Dr. Dan Delisi led the Hays Symphony on two concerts each semester. This fall's performances feature works by Mozart, Bizet, Schumann, Handel and Borodin. The orchestra will also perform their annual Children's Concert at the beginning of December. The pre-concert talks in which Delisi discusses the music to be performed that afternoon continue to be well received. Delisi also performed a cello recital last spring with works by Bach, Beethoven, and Barber. His recital this fall will feature music by Mendelssohn, Bach, Suk, Bloch and Beethoven.

Dr. Junghwa Lee performed in piano solo, duo and trio recitals in Hays, Lindsborg and Phillipsburg, Kansas; Denver, Colorado; Carlisle and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Three Hills, Canada; Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand, performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Debussy, Dvorák, Fauré, Kim, Krenek, Ligeti, Messiaen, Rachmaninoff, Ravel, Stravinsky and Takemitsu. She also performed a work by Chance with the Fort Hays Wind Ensemble and appeared in a concerto performance as a soloist with the Hutchinson Symphony Orchestra, performing Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto. In addition, Dr. Lee conducted several master classes at institutions in Canada and Singapore.

Send your alumni news to us at the FHSU Department of Music, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS, by email to tcrowley@fhsu.edu, or through the alumni information form found at: www.fhsu.edu/music/alumni.shtml.

Band Activities

As Director of Bands at FHSU I am very excited about the direction that our band program is moving as the university continues into its second century. There have been so many wonderful things happening in Hays that I hope you will be as excited as we are after reading this report.



Dr. Jordan

In August, we welcomed Dr. David Kassler as the new Assistant Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Low Brass. Dr. Kassler serves as principal trombone with the Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra, has performed with the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra since 1985 as second trombone, and has served as the conductor of the East Range Choral Society of Virginia, MN. He holds degrees from the University of Iowa, University of Minnesota and the University of Miami.

The Tiger Marching Band has already roared into action this year with its opening halftime performance featuring the music of Styx. This enthusiastic group will again be the featured performer at the Annual Homecoming football game and ceremonies as well as hosting the traditional High Plains Marching Festival. The festival will be held on Monday, October 25th at Lewis Field starting at 12 Noon and showcasing fifteen of the finest high school bands from across Kansas.

Our concert band programs continue to grow strong and we are extremely pleased to announce that the FHSU Wind Ensemble has been selected to perform at the Kansas Music Educator's Association State Convention in February! In anticipation of this great honor, we are already underway with our program preparation and hope to offer some sneak previews of the concert at our campus performances this fall. The first of these will take place on Thursday, October 28th at 8:00pm in the beautiful Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center. On Friday, December 10th the Symphonic Winds will join the performance along with those on our Spring Series set for Thursday, March 10th and Thursday, May 5th also in the Beach/Schmidt PAC. We are looking forward to another wonderful year of music making with the FHSU bands! Come on out and show your support for our wonderful students and your Fort Hays State University!

High Plains Band Camp

The 58th annual High Plains Band Camp will be held July 10-16, 2005. Dr. Jeff Jordan and Mrs. Kay Werth will serve as co-directors of this year's camp. Please contact Dr. Jordan at 785-628-5364 or jjordan@fhsu.edu or Kay at 785-628-5360 or kwerth@fhsu.edu for more information about this summer's camp. The camp's website is still www.fhsu.edu/bandcamp.



Frances Gordon Retirement

Frances Gordon, Senior Administrative Assistant for the Department of Music, has announced her retirement effective December 17, 2004. A reception to honor Frances for her 17 1/2 years of service to the department will be held in the Stouffer Lounge of the Memorial Union on December 16, 2004 at 2pm.

Jazz Activities



Interest in Jazz Studies at Fort Hays State University remains high. We continue to maintain two full jazz ensembles with many students studying jazz improvisation.

This past year Jazz Ensemble I played the Great Bend Jazz Festival with Frank Mantooth and Kevin Mahogany (go to www.midks.com/jazz/2004 to see pictures). It was a great night, but bittersweet....Frank passed away 13 days later on January 30. We lost a great friend and consummate musician. As it turned out, we played Frank's last gig.

A month later, it was on to Kansas City to play a Jazz Night for the Shawnee Mission school district music department. A few more weeks and it was time for the Spring Jazz Concert on campus and the next day the Wichita Jazz Festival.

This coming school year Jazz Ensemble I has once again been invited to perform for the Kansas Music Educators Convention. This is the fifth time since 1996 we have been invited to perform. (KMEA policy states that a group cannot perform two years in a row). We will perform on Friday, February 25, 2005 at 3:05pm in Ballroom F-H at the Hyatt in Wichita. If you are nearby, please come and hear us!

The Fall Jazz Concert on campus at The Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center will be at 8:00pm on November 18, 2004. The Spring Jazz Concert is scheduled for April 21, 2005. Please stay in touch and come out and hear us whenever you get a chance.

Brad Dawson

Piano Activities

Fort Hays State University hosted the Piano Summer Camp for students in grades 7-12 during June 13-19, 2004. It also held its inaugural High School Piano Competition on January 31, 2004 offering prize money, certificates, and music scholarships at Fort Hays State University. All of the prizewinners and honorable mention have chosen Fort Hays State University for their college education this fall and started their freshman year in August 2004. They are currently taking piano lessons either as music or non-music major students, and will collaborate with other music students at Fort Hays State University.



The second High School Piano Competition at Fort Hays State University will be held in Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center on January 29, 2005. The application form will be available October 2004. The Piano Camp will be held again during Summer 2005, and the application form will be available in February, 2005. Two senior year students majoring in piano performance, Heesook Kim and Benjamin Markley, will present their senior recitals on January 31 and February 21, respectively. Three students have transferred from Tak Ming University in Taiwan to Fort Hays State University choosing piano as their primary instruments, and are considering majoring in piano performance.

Dr. Junghwa Lee



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